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REVEREND and MRS. CLYDE DIBBLE

The New Age Minister

STAFF REPORTER

Reverend Clyde Dibble, First Vice President of the C.S.S.A. is pastor of the Redwood City Church. If you have never visited for the services at 10:45 on Sunday mornings, you have missed a warm welcome and beautiful service.

Reverend Dibble was born in Los Angeles and at the age of eight was asking questions most children don't think of for many years beyond that age. At thirteen he was studying the East Indian Philosophies.

While at Stanford University he met a man that saw many Spirits around him and remarked that Reverend Dibble had great things to do Spiritually. He wanted to know how to get started and he was sent to the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church under the Leadership of Reverend Florence Becker and her late husband Dr. William Becker. Reverend Dibble's mother and father were very timid about Spiritualism, but they were assured that this was what he had been searching for all his life.

Things went fast and furious for this dedicated man. He has held several offices in the N.S.A.C., including State Superintendent of Lyceums and Treasurer of the Board of the N.S.A.C. He held the latter two offices for 17 years. He was ordained in 1949 and

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Feature

Reality

In the search for truth the question often arises, what is real and what is imaginary? Is not todays facts but yesterdays fiction? The realization of anything is dependent upon our personal awareness and understanding of it. Man is a trinity of expression; creating on three dimensions of life, physical, mental and spiritual.

Many are aware of the physical, that which, with their physical senses they are able to understand.

Others have true awareness on the physical and mental planes, and are closer to understanding the great power within.

Few know the essence of things and have awareness on all three planes, physical, mental and spiritual.

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Religious Liberty and the Law

By C. R. Schirm

Contrary to the religious liberty vouchsafed to the people by the Federal Constitution and the Constitutions of the various States, persecution under guise of the exercise of the police power of the State, has been visited upon the heads of spiritual mediums, connected with and working for the religion of Spiritualism. It is not competent for any State to enlarge, by statute, the police power and thereby restrict the rights and privileges which the people have been exercising under a higher law. It is a strange spectacle to see legislatures, the great majority of whose membership are believers in the New Testament, seeking by statute to prevent prophesying by those upon whom the spirit rests, while Paul, in his epistles urged the early Christians not to despise prophesying, but to covet it.

If the law can prevent mediums from prophesying as to past or future events, then it can also prevent priests and preachers from foretelling what the future life of saints and sinners will be. Real prophecy now scarcely exists in the so-called orthodox churches; the spiritual gifts of which Paul writes so forcibly have almost entirely faded away from Christianity and have found a new expression in the Gospel of Spiritualism. The letter killeth but the spirit giveth life.

It is sometimes asserted that it is improper for mediums to take fees for their services. But do not ministers of all religions receive compensation in some form or other, for their services? As long as mediums are living in this material world, they are obliged to meet the costs of living, like all other human beings, no matter how spiritual their work or they themselves may be. If the law can forbid mediums to take fees for their spiritual communications, then it can also forbid the priest to take money for saying prayers for the dead. Such money is given and

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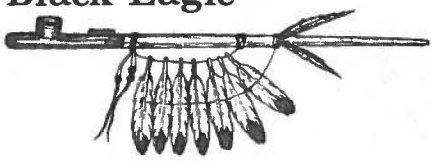
Prayers of Black Eagle



Spirit Guide of
Rev. H. Gordon Burroughs

Great Father, Thou art perfect; as children of a perfect father, we, too, are created perfect. Through misunderstanding of Thy laws, the children of earth have sometimes lost their way. Unselfishly, as one of Thy children, I ask that I may be shown the way; that I may be a beacon light to others, leading many back to Thee; that happiness, health, and love may be established on the earth; that all may find that peace which can be had only in knowing Thee.

Declaration of Principles N.S.A.C.

WE AFFIRM THAT COMMUNICATION WITH THE SO-CALLED DEAD IS A FACT, SCIENTIFICALLY PROVEN BY THE PHENOMENA OF SPIRITUALISM.

Spirit communication has been in evidence in all ages of the world and is amply recorded in both sacred and profane literature of all ages. Orthodoxy has accepted these manifestations and has interpreted them in dogma and creed in terms of the supernatural. Spiritualism accepts and recognizes these manifestations and interprets them in the understanding and light of Natural Law.

Bible Quotations:

1 Corinthians C. 2. v 14-16

True, a worldly-minded man does not accept what comes from a spirit of God, for he looks upon communication with God's spirit-world as madness. Neither is he fit to understand it correctly, for only those who know the laws governing spirit-communication can properly judge it. But any one who is in communication with the world of spirits can judge of these things correctly, although such people, to be sure, are not understood by the worldly-minded. For what worldly-minded man has ever known the thoughts of the Lord, so that he was able to teach those who communicate with God's spirits? But we, by our spirit-communication, know the thoughts of the Lord.

New Testament - Greber Translation

Harmonial Philosophy

Excerpts From Penetralia
By Andrew Jackson Davis

QUESTIONS ON THE EVIDENCES OF IMMORTALITY

The fundamental religious elements, immanent in man's highest faculties, seem, at first glance, to be incompatible with deliberate investigation. There are few minds capable of reasoning while prejudiced. Come to that most high and princely of all emotion - the religious - and forthwith there departeth deliberation, consistency, and vigilance. **How few persons there are from whom you expect straightforwardness, reasonableness, charity, temperance in all things.**

The Modern Church exerts a powerful stultifying influence upon the human conscience. It has forbidden the conscience to reason, to think, to become enlightened. Men may be intelligent concerning the ordinary interests of life; not upon religious questions. No! Men dare not become religiously enlightened. Innumerable attempts have been made, with more or less success, to shackle the human conscience.

WHAT IS THE CONSEQUENCE OF SUCH MENTAL BONDAGE? The consequence is, that, while men make advancement in science, commerce, merchandise, in all the relations pertaining to our common existence, they stand still in the far past; without illumination upon whatsoever is religious and ecclesiastical. And a vast portion of the world, therefore, have involuntarily gone into extreme skepticism on religion.

HOW MANY SOURCES OF HUMAN KNOWLEDGE ARE THERE? There are four sources of human knowledge: first, Intuition; second, Reflection; third, Perception; fourth, Testimony. Two are inherent and natural; two are outside and artificial. The reliable sources of knowledge are, Intuition and Reflection; the unreliable and secondary are, Perception and Testimony. Perhaps, these have never been harmoniously consulted.

REALITY (Continued)

Faith (spirit) and imagination (mental) are the indispensable ingredients which when properly combined bring (according to the law) reality.

Dreams are realities to the dreamer for he is at the time of dreaming in a dream world, which through faith, could easily come to be a physical world and then be known to man as a physical reality.

He who guards his thoughts, guards his life.

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N. S. A. C.
Science Philosophy Religion
Devotional Services
Sun. 10:45 A.M.
Rev. Clyde Dibble
Pastor
149 Clinton St. Redwood City, Calif.
Public Cordially Invited

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY (Continued)

received with the mutual understanding that prayers said for the souls in purgatory by a priest of the church, helps those souls to be relieved from effects of their sins. The church does not pretend to prove this a fact; it is merely a theological assumption, a dogma, a matter of faith. Men and angels know that the good and true mediums do not, as a rule, have much of this worlds goods; and that many mediums beside being poor, are compelled to bear the contumely of thoughtless and vicious people, and also suffer many things, which are placed upon them from the spirit side by the lower elements.

If mediums sometimes make mistakes or messages do not always come through them with accuracy, we must remember that all human agencies sometimes err and that even spirits that communicate with us do not claim perfection.

It is to say the least, a dangerous thing, for the State to make the doing of a thing for money, a crime; when the doing of that thing without money is in no-wise criminal. The full extent to which the law should go on limiting religious freedom, is to prevent fraud, immorality, and traitorous conduct and doctrines. Upon these points we will stand with the State, but the attempt to throttle legitimate mediumship and to hush the voice of prophesy will fail in this age, as it has failed before; for, being of God, man cannot destroy them.

N.S.A.C. Manual.

Telephone Talks

Staff Writer

The Infinite upon which we individually draw for expression is changeless, but the finite experience is one of constant change. Life involves creative expression within a continual growth and purpose. As cessation of motion within the body temple terminates life in this earth experience, so withdrawal from activity in the world about brings to an end the purpose and joy of being here.

Remembering that God works for us as he works through us, we should be willing to act in whatever way seems consistent with our prayer.

The completed answer to affirmative prayer may or may not require activity on a material basis, depending upon the nature of the desired results. But taking the material steps is often necessary to the completed demonstration.

Praying effectively includes both surrender to Divine guidance and following through intelligently, confidently and persistently.

Letters to M.

Dear M.

Does length of time in spirit have anything to do with spirit return? **C.**

Dear C.

The length of time in the spirit world does not necessarily govern the ability of the spirit to communicate with the physical world. Any person who is aware of the laws governing spirit communication and is able to apply them, opens the door to the possibility of communication. Many people are aware of things but do not fully understand them, and through ignorance abuse the sacredness of spiritual communion. It is not to be understood, that only spirits with spiritual understanding are able to communicate with the earth realm. There are many people who have passed on and have a strong desire to tell their loved ones that they still live. This desire is oftimes strong enough to impress the ones still on the earth and some type of communication is established. **M.**

Dear M.

Are animals who have passed on able to communicate with their masters on earth? **L.**

Dear L.

It is my understanding and belief that God is love and that true love is God in action. What greater or purer love is there than selfless love to one of Gods creatures?

As love is an attractive force it calls to us the very thing which we love and so it is with your question. Yes! Pets like people can and do communicate with the earth realm after their passing. Much evidence has been accumulated regarding your question and the facts speak for themselves.

M.

A certified medium will attempt to answer your questions regarding spiritual, psychic and related subjects.

Colleges and Seminars

Reverend Clyde Dibble of the Redwood Church and President Richard P. Goodwin of Camp Serenity shared the spotlight of spirit at the Foothill College, Los Altos on April 24th.

Reverend Dibble gave forth with a short but most informative lecture on Spiritualism and President Goodwin gave the spiritual greetings through the psychometry of the billets. Both shared in answering the many questions asked by students.

President Goodwin and Reverend Dibble have been asked to return to the college as soon as possible.

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Camp Serenity Highway

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THE NEW AGE MINISTER (Con't.)

was Assistant Pastor of the Golden Gate Church for several years. He studied under Reverend Becker and started his first church in Palo Alto in 1957, which is the Spiritual Science of Life Church N.S.A.C. now located in San Jose.

Reverend Dibble has been interested in singing since the age of 2 and has studied Opera, and that makes him a favorite solist at the Church.

We asked the good Reverend in what way he thought Spiritualism could best serve humanity. Reverend Dibble replied he thought that the teaching of the Science, Philosophy and Religion at the College level would be of great help. Also, the initiating of a missionary and educational program could prove to be very valuable as there are many "teachers", however, few "schools". A sincere effort to stress Spiritualism in its true sense, as opposed to Spiritism, would certainly be beneficial for all who wish to learn the true value of the study of Spiritualism.

Reverend Dibble met his lovely wife, Sondra, of Canada, in a Seance Room in 1936, and they have 2 children. Spiritualism has always been very natural to Sondra, and she has the potential of Trumpet Mediumship and is a natural born healer. The Redwood Church is fortunate to have such a fine man for their leader, coupled with the assistance of his most charming wife.

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Church Reporter

Along life's highway there are those who build and those who destroy.

To the everlasting credit of Mr. Melvin H. Browne, his wonderful wife, son and daughter, assisted by old and true friends such as Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rogers, and many others, Mr. Browne assumed leadership of the Spiritual Science of Life Church of San Jose, and through the ensuing months, many problems and discouraging periods were met and overcome. New and old members rallied to his support; thus developing a fine and beautiful Church.

It therefore was a shock to all, to learn that this fine family, who had done so much for our religion in our State, would soon leave us; but as if to compensate for that loss, on Sunday night, April 13, 1969, in the presence of some eighty members and guests, there was bestowed upon Mr. Browne, the exalted and sublime honor as an Ordained Minister in our religion. The beautiful and inspiring Service being conducted by Reverend Clyde Dibble, First Vice President of the C.S.S.A., and seated close to Mr. and Mrs. Browne were two of their true friends thru the years, Connie Smith of The Executive Church and Eli Goodreau, C.S.A. Trustee, both of whom were former members of the San Jose Church.

And so, Reverend and Mrs. Browne, your son and daughter, as you go to your new home, we know that we can best express our respect and high regards for you, by our continued and loyal support to the new Minister, Mr. Rudolf Gorzolla and his charming and sweet wife.

The Pondering Pen

The legality of method is dependent upon the purity of motive, as truth is taught through indirection.

Travel Or Attract

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Church News

Staff Reporter

On Sunday, May 27th, a mass meeting was held at the Brotherhood Spiritualist Church in Alameda and a sumptuous buffet dinner was served before the service. The Secretary, Eli Goodreau, led the service and the President of the California State Spiritualist Association, Edmund L. Foard, of Inglewood, delivered a most inspiring message entitled "Good News". Reverend Clyde Dibble, of the Redwood City Church, and David Burr, of the Golden Gate Church in San Francisco, favored us with some beautiful solos. The Greetings were given by Mr. Foard, Connie Smith and Richard Goodwin. We are most grateful to all who attended and add our special "thanks" to those who came long distances to give us a night to remember.

For the Girls . . .

By Chris Berness

For fly away ends of hair. Spray hair brush with spray first, then style hair. To make your eyes look larger apply thin line of white powder eye shadow from inner corner to outer corner, then apply regular color above. For evening wear apply white heavier.

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